

WHEREAS, by legislative enactment the Texas Legislature created the Crime Stoppers Advisory Council, the regulation of which is codified in Chapter 414 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted S.B. 383, 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, Section 3, provides that:

"An advisory committee as defined in Article 6252-33, Revised Statutes, as added by this Act, that exists as of September 1, 1993, is automatically abolished September 1, 1997, unless:

- (1) the governing body of the agency establishes a different date under Section 8, Article 6252-33, Revised statutes; or
- (2) the advisory committee has a specific duration prescribed by statute.

WHEREAS, it is unclear whether this abolition was intended to effect the Crime Stopper Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, an Attorney General's Opinion has been requested on this issue, but not yet issued; and

WHEREAS, we expect the 76th Legislature to reconsider the abolition of the Crime Stopper Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the State of Texas and all local crime stopper programs to continue the Crime Stoppers Advisory Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George W. Bush, Governor of the State of Texas under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, do hereby create an interim Crime Stoppers Advisory Council, to exist and continue under the same terms and conditions as those imposed by the Legislature until September 1, 1999.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

George W. Bush, Governor of Texas

Filed: August 11, 1998

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THE STATE OF TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR-AUSTIN, TEXAS, EXECUTIVE ORDER GWB 98-4 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF A REGULATORY STATUTE

WHEREAS, a state of disaster has been declared for the State of Texas caused by the severe drought; and

WHEREAS, an Emergency Disaster Proclamation was issued on July 3, 1998, and expanded and extended July 23, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Section 418.016 provides that the Governor may suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute or rules of a state agency prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business if strict compliance with the provisions would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions have resulted in depleted pasture forage and hay supplies; and

WHEREAS, the suspension of certain statutory requirements will allow farmers to access hay in sufficient quantities from persons transporting the hay over a state maintained highway using oversized vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George W. Bush, Governor of the State of Texas, under the authority vested in me and in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.016, do hereby suspend Texas Transportation Code Section 621.201(a) with the limitation that this suspension apply only to a vehicle used to transport bales of hay in addition to suspending any rules promulgated pursuant to Texas Transportation Code Sections 623.017 and 623.071(a).

This Executive Order shall terminate ninety (90) days from the date of signature

George W. Bush, Governor of Texas

Filed: August 14, 1998

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THE STATE OF TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR-AUSTIN, TEXAS, EXECUTIVE ORDER GWB 98-6 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF REGULATORY STATUTES AND RULES

Under the provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Chapter 418.016 of the Texas Government Code) and the Emergency Disaster Proclamation, dated, August 26, 1998, issue in response to the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Charley, I, George W. Bush Governor of Texas do hereby suspend the application of Section 19(t) of the Manufactured Housing Standards Act, Article 5221f, Texas Revised Civil Statute and Texas Administrative Code, Title 10, Section 80.202(a)(1), relating to the imposition of fees for title transactions. This suspension is only for title transactions relating to both the temporary and ultimate disposition of manufactured homes acquired from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in response to the disaster. This order is being issued to ensure that existing procedures do not in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster.

This order will remain in effect until rescinded or modified by me.

George W. Bush, Governor of Texas

Filed: October 26, 1998

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Proclamations

PROCLAMATION 41-2729

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby amend and extend my July 3, 1998 Proclamation certifying that all 254 counties in the State of Texas are threatened by extreme fire hazard. This threat was caused by extreme drought and still exists statewide. Additionally, these conditions persist with impacts affecting agriculture, water systems, coupled with related health and human service concerns.

Therefore, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby proclaim the existence of such disaster and direct that all necessary measures both public and private as authorized under Section 418.015 of the code be implemented to meet that disaster.

In accordance with the Statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

George W. Bush, Governor of Texas

Filed: July 24, 1998